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BATTERY DISCONNECT SWITCH ELIMINATION ON AMBULANCE APPLICATIONS

To: All Ambulance and Rescue Vehicle Final Stage Manufacturers

Models Affected: All Econoline van and cutaway chassis and F-Series Chassis Cab.

ACTION REQUESTED

Provide copies of this bulletin to your Engineering, Quality, Service and Sales activities. This information may also be supplied to your customers.

BACKGROUND

The installation of a battery disconnect switch on Ford ambulance chassis creates difficulty in the design and manufacturing of ambulance wiring systems. Implementation may cause potential problems with base chassis and powertrain functions. There have been a number of service issues associated with the battery switch installation. Chassis related service issues should be easier addressed at Ford authorized repair facilities.

DESCRIPTION

There should be **NO** battery disconnect switches or devices installed that in any way cut-off power to the Ford chassis. Any battery disconnect devices should interrupt power to the Ambulance module only. From this date forward it will be a violation of QVM guidelines to install a battery disconnect switch to the Ford chassis.

Sincerely,

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